

ABSTRACT

Platform independent and non-invasive financial report mark-up. The invention provides an enterprise-scale, non-invasive report mark-up system that gives substantially non-invasive approach to applications, processes and existing databases of the legacy system environment.

- 5 The invention is operable to allow transition from the legacy system environment using one currency to another currency such as to the EURO over time. The invention allows for a number of operations without manual restatement, reconciliation or use of parallel systems; it also provides for access to timely information and electronic reporting of financial documents with substantial cost savings, thereby meeting the rapid response requirements necessitated by the continued emergence of e-commerce activities. A middleware layer that interfaces two layers that may be viewed as a legacy system environment and a client environment, such as a browser based Internet or other user environment, without the need for significant custom interface code between unique applications or environments.